

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIM

The following listing of claim will replace all prior versions, and listing of claim in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIM

Claim 1 (currently amended): A water-preventing grommet for a pull chain switch, the water-preventing grommet adapted to attach to a connecting tube on a switch housing and comprising:

a body 10 with an abutting end 12 and an inclined distal end 14, wherein, the inclined distal end 14 of the body 10 has a flat distal face, and upper extending portion 141 and a lower guiding portion 143 opposite to the upper extending portion 141;

a recess 122 defined in the abutting end 12 for receiving the connecting tube, the recess 122 having a threaded inner periphery for being connected to the connecting tube by rotating the body 10;

a downward passage 142 defined in the inclined distal end 14, communicated with the recess 122, and extending to the lower guiding portion 143, wherein the downward passage 142 defined an opening on the inclined flat face; [and]

a C-shaped flange 144 formed on the flat distal face around the opening, the C-shaped flange repelling water even when rain drops fall on the inclined flat face; and

an O-ring 126 attached to the abutting end 12 and clamped between the body and an outer periphery of the switch housing 20 when the grommet is mounted on the switch housing 20, thereby the O-ring

provided a flexible capability to allow further rotating the body 10 until the grommet is at a correct location and the downward passage 142 extends down when the grommet is at the correct location.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (original) The water-preventing grommet as claimed in claim 1, wherein the abutting end 12 further has an outer periphery and multiple ribs 124 longitudinally formed on the outer periphery of the abutting end 12.

Claim 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (canceled).